

## WATERS OF ZUYDER ZEE BREAK THROUGH DIKES

Flood Country for Miles Around,  
Sweeping Away Houses and Vil-  
lages Like Cardboard Boxes.

CAUSED BY FIERCE STORM

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tially Ruined and Damage Esti-  
mated at More \$3,000,000.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, Feb-  
ruary 13.—Once or twice in the past  
week it seemed as though an awful  
and immense catastrophe would inevi-  
tably overwhelm Holland. The waters  
of the Zuyder Zee, whipped by a  
northwester of hurricane force, rose  
to unprecedented heights, broke through  
the great dikes that have for decades  
protected the low-lying fertile fields  
from encroachment by the sea, and  
flooded the country for miles around,  
sweeping away farmhouses and vil-  
lages like as many cardboard boxes,  
and covering the rich pastures with  
a layer of noxious salt mire. Inch by  
inch, relay by relay, and civilians  
disputed the ground won by years of  
labor, and only retired beaten when  
the soil crumbled and sank beneath  
their feet into the roaring torrents.  
A fortunate circumstance was that  
the great storm came a week before  
spring tide. Had they coincided, prac-  
tically the whole of Holland would  
have been inundated.

It has been a narrow escape, but  
as it is, the death roll numbers twenty-  
one; over 90,000 acres of land have  
been wholly or partially ruined by the  
sea water; thousands of cattle and  
sheep perished, and the damage is  
more than \$3,000,000.

The history of the "Low Countries"  
abounds in flood records. One on All  
Saints' Day, in 1672, took a toll of  
29,000 lives, but not since the last  
great flood of 1826, when 600 people  
and 45,000 head of cattle perished, has  
a disaster of like magnitude overtaken  
this country.

The curved coastline of the  
shallow, but often turbulent Zuyder  
Zee, great destruction has been  
wrought; but the visitation was excep-  
tionally severe in that part of the  
province of North Holland which lies  
north of Amsterdam. Here, which has  
been known to Americans than any other  
part of the country, Volendam, Edam,  
Monnickendam, and especially the  
Waterland villages have suffered se-  
verely. The island of Marken, beloved  
of artists, has been swept from end to  
end. Fishing smacks were seized by  
the furious waves and hurled with  
terrible force upon the fishermen's  
homes on the shore, and only four  
houses in the once prosperous village  
are undamaged.

COUNTRY SEEMS TO HAVE

GONE BACK SIX CENTURIES  
When the Associated Press corre-  
spondent visited part of the inundated  
land, the aspect of the country seemed  
to have gone back six centuries. Maps  
of that time indicate a chain of large  
marshes, long since drained and con-  
verted into smiling fields, but now the  
sea has once more gained the mastery,  
and only the gables of farmhouses and  
the tops of countless windmills were  
visible above the troubled waters, on  
which, here and there, a carcass of  
farm animals and pieces of furniture  
of all descriptions were floating about.  
At one point, near the pretty little  
town of Pampus, further progress  
was barred, owing to the sudden dis-  
covery by the authorities of a weak  
spot in a neighboring dike, which  
necessitated the immediate filling up of  
a lock so as to reduce the pressure of  
the water. Here, bands of men were  
working as though their lives depended  
upon it; but the water was still  
gaining, and folks were beginning to  
evacuate their homes.

Some of the little villages on the  
edge of the flooded now lie level with  
the sea, and are defended from fur-  
ther encroachment by hastily erected  
ramparts, so-called "box dams." These  
consist of deal planks securely clamped  
together, forming a breastwork a few  
feet high. A similar structure is  
erected a yard further back, and the  
space between filled up with sand and  
earth.

Holland spends \$4,000,000 per year  
on protection from its "never resting  
enemy," and the necessity for this is  
indicated by the fact that the "bol-  
ders"—the drained tracts of land  
wrested from the sea and converted  
into arable land or meadow—run from  
ten to fifteen feet below sea level. The  
turf-covered dikes or embankments  
that are such a familiar feature of  
the sea-side with brick masonry when  
they are in so-called "safe" positions,  
i. e., running from north to south, but  
with basalt blocks and concrete fac-  
ings at the points that are exposed to  
the full force of the northern and  
northwestern blasts. The land side  
slope, however, is of plain earth, the  
consequence being that once a polder  
is flooded there is an enormous pres-  
sure upon the inner part of the sea dike.  
Slowly but surely the earth is  
eaten away until only the basalt or  
concrete shell remains. If storms then  
continue and pumping work is impos-  
sible, this shell at length collapses un-  
der the renewed onslaughts of the sea  
from without, and the polder is  
doomed.

SALTNESS OF WATER

AGGRAVATES TROUBLE  
At ordinary times Zuyder Zee water  
contains per liter only about two  
grams of salt, compared with an av-  
erage of three and one-half grams per  
liter of North Sea water. By the vio-  
lence of the gale, however, much North

Sea water was blocked up into the  
Zuyder Zee, and thence found its way  
into the polders. The saltiness of the  
flood water aggravates the trouble, be-  
cause it ruins the soil for a long pe-  
riod. Grass land, which forms about  
two-thirds of the inundated area, gen-  
erally recovers in about a year, pro-  
vided heavy rains help to cleanse the  
surface of salt; but tiled fields may be  
rendered unproductive for two and  
three years, and even longer. The  
whole work of sweetening the soil has  
to be done over again. Reclaimed land  
such as this is valued, when in good  
condition, at \$100 to \$500 per acre. The  
loss to the farmer in having his land  
thus spoiled is great, and this factor  
also makes it extraordinarily difficult  
to arrive at anything like an accurate  
estimate of the damage done.

The disaster has served as a power-  
ful argument for the promoters of the  
scheme to drain the entire Zuyder Zee,  
a project which has existed for years  
and has already often been described  
and debated. It is now again occupy-  
ing the attention of the chamber. The  
main idea is to construct a dike of  
prodigious strength, twenty-five miles  
long, across the neck of the Zuyder  
Zee, from IJmuiden, in North Hol-  
land, to Pampus, in Friesland, and to  
drain the whole basin of the Zee, pre-  
serving, however, certain natural out-  
lets for the streams which empty into  
it. The cost would be approximately  
\$4,000,000, but 500,000 acres of pre-  
sumably good soil would be gained and  
the necessity for maintaining sea de-  
fenses over a length of 200 miles along  
the curved shores of the Zee would  
disappear.

Opponents of the scheme argue that  
if the North Sea water is barred from  
entering the Zuyder Zee, the whole  
Netherlands coast line north of the  
projected great dam will be endan-  
gered by exceptionally high tides, caused  
by the water not finding its accustomed  
outlet. Experts are still quarreling  
on these points.

The first thing to think about is how  
to get rid of the flood water. The re-  
gion known as Waterland has three  
permanent pumping stations, capable  
of expelling over 62,000 cubic yards of  
water per hour, but their machinery  
was unable to cope with the great in-  
ward rush of water. All pumping ma-  
chinery is being hurried to the most  
vulnerable points, and a great army  
of men is busy night and day strength-  
ening weak spots in the dikes that  
have so far held out. All have an eye  
on the weathercock, for storms have a  
way of coming back, and as this cor-  
respondence leaves all danger is by  
no means past.

Oh! the Charm  
of Beauty

Let Stuart's Calcium Waters Restore  
the Color in Your Cheeks and  
Remove the Cause of Pimples,  
Blackheads, Etc.

Every one envies a beautiful skin,  
just as every one envies a healthy  
body. Unhealthy faces, filled with  
pimples, discolorations, blackheads, etc.,  
are nothing but unhealthy faces due to  
blood impurities. Clean blood and  
the facial blemishes disappear.



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Thing, for I Have Made All My  
Troubles a Thing of the Past."  
You must not believe that drugs and  
salves will stop facial blemishes. The  
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manner of refuse matter.  
Stuart's Calcium Waters cleanse and  
clear the blood, driving out all poisons  
and impurities. And you'll never have  
a good complexion until the blood is  
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The Moment It Reaches Your Stomach all Pain,  
Gases, Sourness, Acidity and Heartburn Goes

Don't suffer! In a few moments all  
stomach distress will go. No indiges-  
tion, heartburn, sourness or belching  
of gas, acid or eructations of undiges-  
ted food, no dizziness, bloating, foul  
breath or headache.  
Pape's Diaepsin is noted for its  
speed in regulating upset stomachs. It  
is the surest, quickest and most cer-  
tain indigestion remedy in the whole  
world, and besides it is harmless.  
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eat their favorite foods without fear—  
they know Pape's Diaepsin will save  
them from any stomach misery.  
Please, for your sake, get a large

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from any drug store and put your  
stomach right. Don't keep on being  
miserable—life is too short—you are  
not here long, so make your stay  
agreeable. Eat what you like and al-  
right it; enjoy it, without dread of re-  
bellion in the stomach.  
Pape's Diaepsin belongs in your  
home anyway. Should one of the fam-  
ily eat something which doesn't agree  
with them, or in case of an attack of  
indigestion, dyspepsia, gastritis or  
stomach derangement at anytime or  
during the night, it is handy to give  
the quickest, surest relief known.

### Beautiful Cretonnes

Both imported and American makes. Undoubt-  
edly the most beautiful line in exquisite patterns  
and colorings that it is possible to gather. Also,  
a new line of Spring Curtain Scrims and Draperies,  
from which you can make the most charming selec-  
tions. Cretonnes, from 19c to \$1.50 yard. Scrims,  
from 10c to 39c yard.

Fourth Floor.



### The Seco Silk Counters

Are opened for Spring selling. The novelties are not only  
new beauties, but the qualities have been improved that  
in many cases they take the place of the silk.  
Among the many things that you will see here, both in  
solid colors and floral designs, are the Silk Crepe de Chine,  
a very popular fabric this season. They come in all the  
various pretty shades of Old Rose, Nile, White, Light Blue,  
Copen, Lavender, Maize and Black. We would like for you  
to come to these counters and look over the many pretty  
things.

# The Wave of Beautiful Spring Has Brought Its Buying Opportunity

The buying at this store is on the basis of great experience, and the selling is always done  
with the painstaking care to satisfy in every offering, as to styles, qualities and right prices

## White Skirtings

Are the important part of white  
goods the coming season. If  
there is any style, either im-  
ported or American, made that is  
not here we should surely won-  
der. The price is from 19c to  
\$1.00 per yard. Here is a short  
detail:

Oxford Skirting, yard 19c  
wide, yard .....  
Tiny Pique Cord, high 25c  
quality, yard .....  
Waffle Cloth, in the 29c  
raised blocks, for .....  
Mercerized Cloth, 39c  
yard .....  
Golfing Skirting, 50c  
at .....  
Various novel effects, \$1.00  
in several styles; yard .....  
Four cases of Nainsook, 12-  
yard pieces, will be sold  
at, piece ..... \$1.50

## Linens

The Richmond public has ap-  
preciated our Linen prices re-  
cently. We still get Linens  
through England. Here is a  
good lot and substantial savings.

Scotch Damask Table \$3.50  
Covers, 12x12, for .....  
Size 12x20, 4.50  
for .....  
Size 12x18, 5.50  
for .....  
Napkins to match, size 22x22, dozen 4.50

These include the round, con-  
ventional and various other de-  
signs, and are fully 25 per cent  
cheaper than the ordinary values.

## Health and Beauty Go With a Gossard

The two things which every  
Gossard gives to every woman  
are  
BETTER HEALTH AND ADDED  
BEAUTY.



Tall women and short women,  
heavy or slight—in fact, any liv-  
ing type of woman, can be fitted  
to a Gossard at prices ranging  
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and recommend them—millions  
of women to-day will wear no  
other make.

A fitting by our trained cor-  
settiere does not obligate you in  
the least. Phone for a fitting  
appointment, or better still,  
come in to see the new spring  
and summer models.

## Notion Specials For Monday

Washable Trimming Braid, one  
table full of all color 10c  
Bridals, at, piece .....  
Sanitary Aprons, the 25c kind,  
three sizes to select from, 16c  
at, each .....  
Sanitary Napkins, a special  
value; three to box, 7c  
for .....  
300 Needle Point Bras 5c  
Pins, in paper, for, each .....  
English Twilled Tape, blue  
laid, 10-yard pieces, 7c  
for .....  
Colorite—Every shade,  
for coloring hats; box, 19c

5,000 CAKES TOILET SOAP  
To be sold while it lasts  
AT ONLY, CAKE 2 1/2c

Sample lot Good Sissors;  
all sizes, including Shears, 25c  
per pair .....  
Main Floor.

## The New Spring Dresses

Everybody Comes to Cohen's Nowadays for the Best Models



Chic Taffeta Dresses, with Georgette  
sleeves and blouses, with ruffled taffeta  
skirts. Also, Tailored Taffeta Dresses  
and Crepe de Chines. Exceptionally  
smart styles, both in natural and high  
waistlines, as well as straight line mod-  
els. Copen, Rose, Green, Navy, Gray  
and Black. Sizes 16 to 46.

Price \$24.50

NUMEROUS SMART DRESSES AT  
\$12.75, \$14.75, \$16.75, \$19.50 up to \$95 Each

## The New Silks Are Most Attractive

There are color schemes that harmonize and are  
entirely new in their effects. Not high priced as yet—  
but we advise buying, as the doors for Silk buying are  
shut closer and closer every day. We are now offering  
the largest variety of every sort this store has ever  
seen, and the prices at the lowest heretofore standard  
values.

Among the many new fabrics  
are the Novelty Gros de Lon-  
dres, in combination, \$2.25  
full yard wide; yard.

Lots of various stripes, in  
broad and narrow effects, beau-  
tiful combination in the col-  
orings, yard wide; \$1.85  
yard .....  
Black Taffeta, that should be now \$1.25, \$1.00  
yard wide; yard .....  
Black Charmeuse, double width, \$1.25  
yard .....  
There is every sort of Satin and Taffeta Silks.

Two-Toned Cecks and Plaids,  
entirely novel in their effect  
and coloring, yard \$1.95  
wide; yard, \$1.65 to \$1.95  
27-inch Elegant Quality  
Silks, new designs, 85c  
at .....  
Black and Colored Taffetas,  
yard wide, every known shade  
for both evening and street  
wear, the quality of  
which is guaranteed; \$1.00  
yard .....  
Black Taffeta, that should be now \$1.25, \$1.00  
yard wide; yard .....  
Black Charmeuse, double width, \$1.25  
yard .....  
There is every sort of Satin and Taffeta Silks.

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## The Bargain Basement

Should be visited Monday. We are really selling goods at far less than the original  
cost to the manufacturer. With the present outlook of advance there is no telling  
what you will have to pay. The basement is full of every sort of shipment from the  
higher grades of White Goods, Cottons, Beddings and various promiscuous lines  
that are usually bought when the opportunity presents itself.

### White Goods

White Crepe Cloths, some are  
fancy weaves, others the 7 1/2c  
usual crinkled 12 1/2c ones .....  
The finest quality of Gabardine  
that you pay 35c for; for 19c  
skirts, yard .....  
Rice Cloth Voiles, at, 10c  
yard .....  
The 25c ones, lace effect, for  
dresses or waists, at, 12 1/2c  
yard .....  
Fine White Organdy, running  
in values from 25c to 31c;  
40 inches wide, for, 12 1/2c  
yard .....  
40-inch Voiles, that are never  
known for less than 19c 9 1/2c  
for .....  
40-inch Batiste, the quality  
that sells for 16 1/2c, for, 9 1/2c  
only .....  
One of the prettiest white fab-  
rics of the season is the Hair  
Line Hemstitched-Like White  
Flaxon, double width; in-  
stead of 38c are only 19c  
These are only a few of the  
many White Goods that are on  
sale.

Good quality Table Dam- 22c  
ask, 33 inches wide, yard .....  
The same in width, 2 to 19c  
5-yard lengths, for, yard

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### Among the Cotton Fabrics

You will find Printed Shirting  
Madras, the best styles 17c  
that sell for 32c, yard .....  
The Dresden Printed 6 1/2c  
Crepe Cloth, yard .....  
Fancy Voiles, the newest this  
season styles that sell at from  
25c to 35c; double width, 12 1/2c  
yard .....  
Yard wide White Cam- 7 1/2c  
bric, good quality, yard .....  
36-in. Unbleached Sheet- 15c  
ing, yard .....  
Good quality Bed Tick- 11c  
ing, 37, yard .....  
38-inch Unbleached Cot- 9c  
ton, yard .....  
Middy Blouse Drill, highest  
quality, yard wide, for 12 1/2c  
only .....  
The Khaki Cloth, 18c 12 1/2c  
quilt, 37, yard .....  
Woven Shirting Madras, 14c  
25c value, for, yard .....  
Bleached Cotton, yard 47c  
wide, yard .....  
Good quality Gingham, at, 6c  
yard .....  
Good quality Chambrays, in  
all the various colors, 7 1/2c  
for .....  
The best quality of Indico  
Apron Gingham, in all 8 1/2c  
the various checks, yard.

### The Bedding Sale

Wool Napped Blankets, 46x76  
inches, will sell \$1.75  
for .....  
Heavy All-Wool Double-bed  
Blankets, will sell \$4.50  
for .....  
The regular \$5.00  
Blankets, full size, for, \$3.75  
Several of the various Blank-  
ets come in Gray and White.  
The regular \$1.50 and \$2.00  
White Crochet Spreads, \$1.19  
slightly imperfect, for, 75c  
Another lot up to \$1.25 75c  
value, for .....  
The heaviest and largest Dimity  
Quilts come in the \$1.00  
same lot, 72x90, for, 69c  
The "Golden Rod" \$1.90 69c  
Sheets are .....  
The same old price despite the  
rise of cotton.  
Pillow Cases, good qual- 15c  
ity, 3-inch hem, for 10c and  
The latter are hemstitched.  
A good quality Silkoline  
Tufted White Cotton \$1.25  
Quilt for .....  
Boys' Clothing  
New Wash Suits at \$1.00  
50c to .....  
Boys' Woolen Suits, the new  
spring styles, at from \$5.00  
\$1.00 to .....

## Woolen Dress Goods

34-inch Gabardines, in Damsen,  
Myrtle, Taupe, African \$1.75  
and black, yard .....  
Checks, Black and White, and  
other effects, comprising a range  
of various widths, including all  
the new styles; 36 to \$1.50  
56-in. widths, yd, 50c to \$2.50  
Other Novelty Fabrics, in 44 to  
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50c to .....

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er.

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handsomer than any past sea-  
son. Qualities and patterns are  
new and prettier. Prices range  
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Dresses, Waists, etc. Both white  
and flesh color.

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most every price—starting at the  
a yard for a good 36-inch wide  
Net.

Very high-grade Net, 2 85c  
yards wide, at, yard .....  
Another good grade of net, not  
so closely woven is priced 50c  
at, yard .....  
(Main Floor.)

Very high-grade Net, 2 85c  
yards wide, at, yard .....  
Another good grade of net, not  
so closely woven is priced 50c  
at, yard .....  
(Main Floor.)

## Big Lot of Wash Laces

Almost every description—  
priced very low for the good  
wearing qualities. We are par-  
ticularly anxious for you to see  
our lines at, yard, 3c 8c  
to .....  
(Main Floor.)

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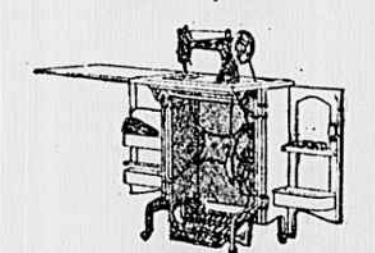
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white. Either colored or white  
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best quality material.

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most by the  
time you  
pay for it.  
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in every de-  
tail, runs so  
light and so  
easy that  
there is no  
comparison  
with ma-  
chines of  
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